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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 319
By Crowe

A RESOLUTION To congratulate Suzanne Elizabeth Deakins and Jay Sims Quaintance upon their upcoming marriage.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Elizabeth Deakins and Jay Sims Quaintance will be joined in marriage on the 26th of May, 2001 at the Sulphur Springs United Methodist Church; from that day forward, this outstanding couple will face the world as one, depending upon their love for each other; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of John B. Deakins and Teresa Deakins, Suzanne Deakins is a lifelong resident of the Sulphur Springs Community; growing up on a farm, she was active in 4-H and Odyssey of the Mind; and

WHEREAS, A remarkable athlete and scholar, she played volleyball and ran track at Daniel Boone High School; she also sang with the vocal ensemble, "Reflections"; and

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WHEREAS, Suzanne developed a love of politics while helping both her father, John Deakins, Jr., and her “Pa-paw,” John Deakins, Sr., run for public office; a strong supporter of the Republican party, she is a valuable member of Washington County Republicans; and

WHEREAS, A student at the University of Tennessee, Suzanne Elizabeth Deakins is pursuing a degree in Family Studies/Gerontology; having a great love and concern for the elderly population, she is sure to make a difference in the quality of life of countless senior Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Her vibrant personality and radiant smile brightens the lives of everyone she touches; a caring and compassionate young woman, she brings joy to all who are privileged to know her; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Deakins met Jay Quaintance in January of 2000; the loving couple were engaged on September 23, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Jay Sims Quaintance, born in West Berlin, Germany, is the loving son of John Quaintance and Renee Quaintance; at the age of fourteen, he moved to Tennessee with his family; and

WHEREAS, A precocious child, Jay wore a red plastic fireman’s hat from age two to three years; from three to four years of age, he wore his Batman cape and mask, which had been made for him by his grandmother; and

WHEREAS, Still a faithful Batman and Star Wars advocate, he is the owner of a most noteworthy comic book collection and many Stars Wars figures; and

WHEREAS, A distinguished scholar at East Tennessee State University, Jay Quaintance immerses himself in politics and music; an accomplished trumpet player in high school, he has continued to play throughout college; and

WHEREAS, Jay Sims Quaintance, after deciding on a career in broadcasting and through persistence and hard work, pursued and obtained his own radio talk show; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, Jay is a loving older brother and a wonderful uncle; he met and fell in love with Suzanne while singing karaoke duets; and

WHEREAS, It is the pleasure of this legislative body to honor this young couple as they prepare to stand before their families and friends in celebration of their love; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate Suzanne Elizabeth Deakins and Jay Sims Quaintance on their upcoming marriage and extend to them our heartfelt wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.